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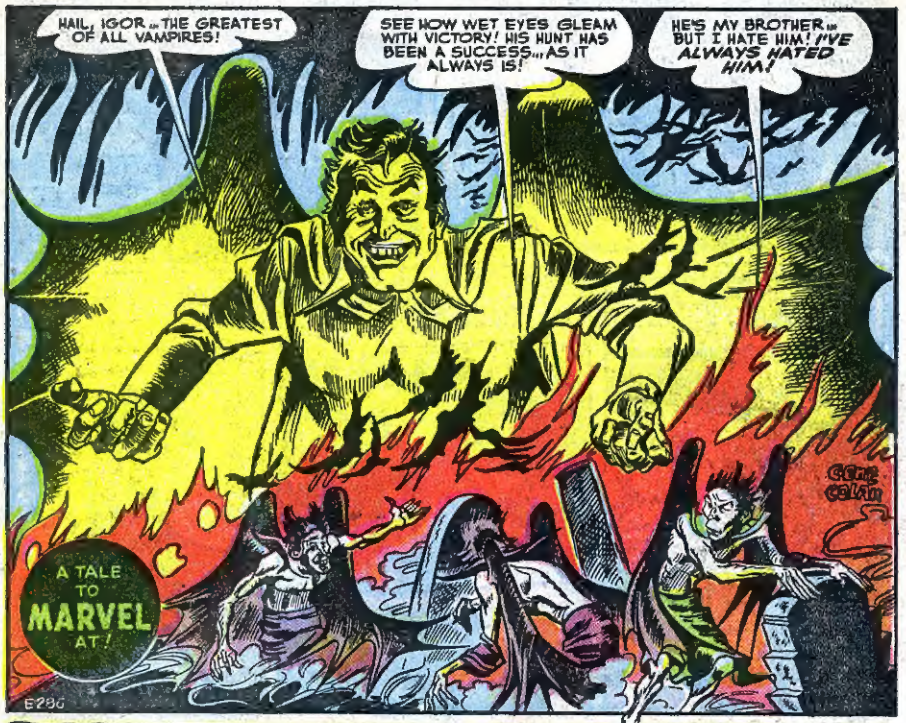
HERE'S THE GREATEST VAMPIRE TALE **YOU** EVER READ, CHUM! IT'S ALL ABOUT THE FAMILY LIFE OF MAMA AND PAPA VAMPIRE AND THEIR TWO TALENTED BOYS! SO, GET COMFY AND COSY... AND AWAY WE GO!

VAMPIRES ALSO DIE


HAIL, IGOR... THE GREATEST OF ALL VAMPIRES!
SEE HOW WET EYES GLEAM WITH VICTORY! HIS HUNT HAS BEEN A SUCCESS... AS IT ALWAYS IS!
HE'S MY BROTHER... BUT I HATE HIM! I'VE ALWAYS HATED HIM!
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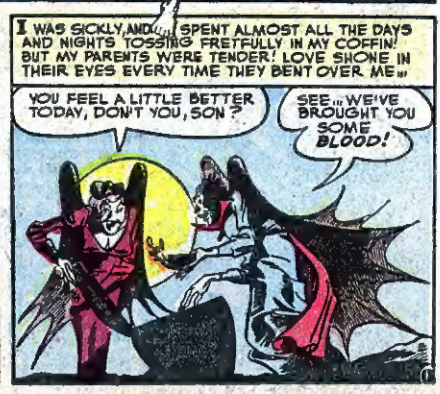
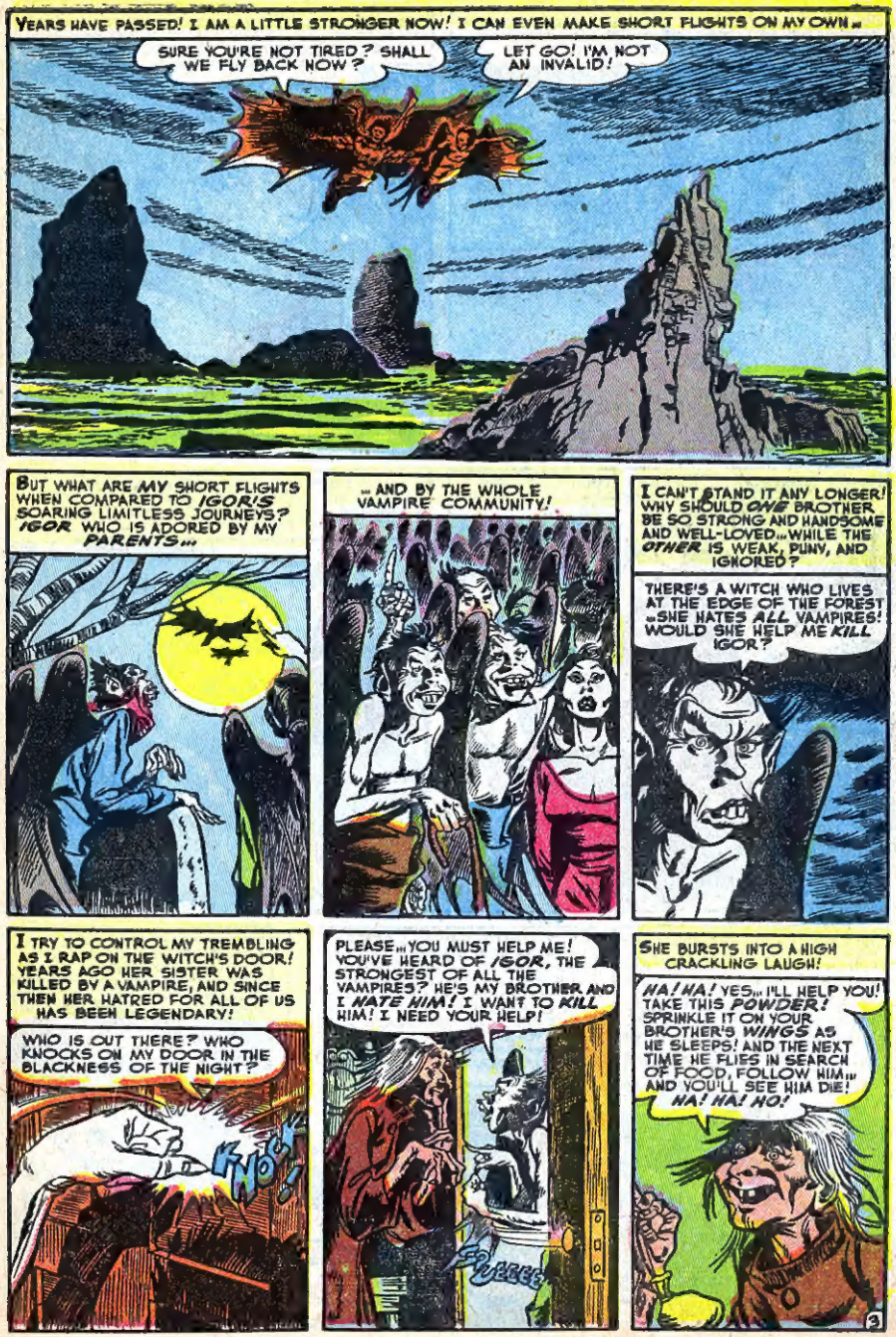
FOR SEVEN YEARS I WAS THE ONLY CHILD IN THE FAMILY...
BE CAREFUL WITH HIM!
I'M SORRY... FOR A MOMENT I FORGOT! I'LL PUT HIM RIGHT BACK IN THE COFFIN, DEAR!


I WAS SICKLY, AND... I SPENT ALMOST ALL THE DAYS AND NIGHTS TOSSING FRETFULLY IN MY COFFIN! BUT MY PARENTS WERE TENDER! LOVE SHONE IN THEIR EYES EVERY TIME THEY BENT OVER ME...
YOU FEEL A LITTLE BETTER TODAY, DON'T YOU, SON?
SEE... WE'VE BROUGHT YOU SOME BLOOD!

UNTIL I WAS EIGHT, THERE HAD ALWAYS BEEN SOFT-SPOKEN LOVE SHADOWED BY PITY! BUT NOW MY FATHER'S FACE WAS BURSTING WITH UNALLOYED JOY...
YOU HAVE A NEW BROTHER! HIS NAME IS IGOR!
WHEN THEY HELD THE INFANT UP FOR ME TO SEE...
WHAT'S THE MATTER? WHY DOES HE TURN AWAY?
FOR SEVEN LONG YEARS HE HAS BEEN THE ONLY CHILD! IT'S ONLY NATURAL THAT NOW HE SHOULD FEEL SLIGHTLY JEALOUS!
SLIGHTLY JEALOUS? JEALOUSY WRITHED WITHIN ME LIKE A WRATHFUL SNAKE, WHILE MY PARENTS COOED AND GURGLED OVER THE INFANT...
AND PROUDLY SHOWED HIM OFF!
HAVE YOU EVER SEEN SUCH LONG FANGS IN A CHILD HIS AGE?
LOOK AT THAT WINGSPREAD! HE'LL BE FLYING ANY DAY NOW!
HE ALREADY SUCKS BLOOD FROM INSECTS ALL BY HIMSELF!
AND WHILE RELATIVES AND FRIENDS CAME TO ADMIRE IGOR, I WAS LEFT ALONE, MY CHEEKS SCALDED BY BITTER TEARS...
I'VE SEEN THOUSANDS OF VAMPIRE-BABIES IN MY TIME... BUT YOUR LITTLE IGOR IS THE HANDSOMEST, STRONGEST, AND BEST-BEHAVED OF THEM ALL!
MY PARENTS KEPT BRINGING ME BLOOD! THEY KEPT SMILING AT ME ABSENT-MINDEDLY MAKING A SHOW OF STROKING MY WINGS...
YOU SMILE AT ME... BUT YOU'RE THINKING OF IGOR! WHEN YOU STROKE MY SHRIVELED WINGS... YOU'RE THINKING PROUDLY OF IGOR'S WINGS BEATING IN RAPID FLIGHT!


YEARS HAVE PASSED! I AM A LITTLE STRONGER NOW! I CAN EVEN MAKE SHORT FLIGHTS ON MY OWN...
SURE YOU'RE NOT TIRED? SHALL WE FLY BACK NOW?
LET GO! I'M NOT AN INVALID!
BUT WHAT ARE MY SHORT FLIGHTS WHEN COMPARED TO IGOR'S SOARING LIMITLESS JOURNEYS? IGOR WHO IS ADORED BY MY PARENTS...
...AND BY THE WHOLE VAMPIRE COMMUNITY!
I CAN'T STAND IT ANY LONGER! WHY SHOULD ONE BROTHER BE SO STRONG AND HANDSOME AND WELL-LOVED...WHILE THE OTHER IS WEAK, PUNY, AND IGNORED?
THERE'S A WITCH WHO LIVES AT THE EDGE OF THE FOREST ...SHE HATES ALL VAMPIRES! WOULD SHE HELP ME KILL IGOR?
I TRY TO CONTROL MY TREMBLING AS I RAP ON THE WITCH'S DOOR! YEARS AGO HER SISTER WAS KILLED BY A VAMPIRE, AND SINCE THEN HER HATRED FOR ALL OF US HAS BEEN LEGENDARY!
WHO IS OUT THERE? WHO KNOCKS ON MY DOOR IN THE BLACKNESS OF THE NIGHT?
KNO!
PLEASE...YOU MUST HELP ME! YOU'VE HEARD OF IGOR, THE STRONGEST OF ALL THE VAMPIRES? HE'S MY BROTHER AND I HATE HIM! I WANT TO KILL HIM! I NEED YOUR HELP!
SHE BURSTS INTO A HIGH CRACKLING LAUGH!
HA! HA! YES...I'LL HELP YOU! TAKE THIS POWDER! SPRINKLE IT ON YOUR BROTHER'S WINGS AS HE SLEEPS! AND THE NEXT TIME HE FLIES IN SEARCH OF FOOD, FOLLOW HIM...AND YOU'LL SEE HIM DIE! HA! HA! HO!
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SO THE NEXT DAY I CREEP STEALTHILY OVER TO IGOR'S COFFIN! AND AS I OPEN THE PAPER THAT CONTAINS THE POWDER, I SHIVER...
IGOR
TWELVE HOURS HAVE PASSED...NIGHT HAS COME AGAIN TO STAIN THE SKY WITH DARKNESS! IGOR SOARS IN HUNGRY FLIGHT, AND I FOLLOW!
HE HAS SIGHTED A VICTIM! HE LEVELS OFF... THE MORTAL HEARS THE EERIE WHOOSSHH OF IGOR'S DIVE, AND CRUMPLES WITH HORROR!
I WATCH FROM THE SHADOWS AS MY BROTHER ATTACKS HIS VICTIM...AND I KEEP WONDERING WHEN THE WITCH'S POWDER WILL TAKE EFFECT!
THE VILLAGERS HAVE HEARD THE VICTIM'S SCREAM! THEY COME RUNNING WITH STAKES! IGOR LEERS AT THEM CALMLY...HE IS SURE THAT HIS MAMMOTH WINGS WILL LIFT HIM INTO THE AIR BEFORE THEY CAN STRIKE!
FOOLS! I AM IGOR! YOUR STAKES WILL NEVER COME NEAR MY HEART!
BUT LOOK! THE WINGS DON'T LIFT HIM! THE WITCH'S POWDER HAS STIFFENED THEM, MADE THEM INCREDIBLY HEAVY! HE'S ENCIRCLED, ENTRAPPED! ALL HE CAN DO IS DRAG HIMSELF SLOWLY ACROSS THE GROUND! NOW IT'S IGOR'S TURN TO SCREAM IN TERROR!
NO!...NO!
AND I SMILE FROM THE SHADOWS AS THE STAKES LUNGE DOWN...

AND I AM STILL SMILING AS I FLY TRIUMPHANTLY HOMEWARD!
IGOR'S DEAD... IGOR'S DEAD... IGOR'S DEAD...
WHEN I SHOOT THE NEWS TO MY PARENTS, THEY BEGIN TO MOAN! BUT THEY'LL GET OVER IT... AND NOW THEY'LL HAVE ONLY ME TO LOVE! BUT THEN I HEAR THEM SAY SOMETHING STRANGE...
WE HAVE LOST TWO SONS TONIGHT!
TWO SONS IN ONE NIGHT!
TWO SONS? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
YOU NEVER KNEW... BUT YOU WERE BORN WITH A RARE DISEASE! BECAUSE OF THIS DISEASE, YOUR BODY REQUIRES TWICE THE INTAKE OF BLOOD OF ANY NORMAL VAMPIRE! WHEN YOU WERE YOUNG, WE WERE ABLE TO GIVE YOU ALL THE BLOOD YOU NEEDED...
BUT AS YOU GREW OLDER AND YOUR BODY NEEDED MORE AND MORE, IT KEPT GETTING HARDER FOR US TO GET YOU ENOUGH! WE WERE SURE YOU WERE DOOMED! BUT THEN IGOR WAS BORN! WE WERE DELIRIOUS WITH JOY, BECAUSE WE KNEW HE WOULD BE ABLE TO GET ENOUGH BLOOD FOR HIMSELF AND FOR YOU!
ALWAYS WHILE YOU SLEPT, WE FED YOU BY TRANSFUSIONS! IGOR INSISTED WE NEVER TELL YOU... HE DIDN'T WANT YOU FEELING YOU WERE AN INVALID!
NOW IGOR IS DEAD... HE WHO HAD GIVEN YOU LIFE ALL THESE YEARS! AND YOU ARE DOOMED!
I WALK AWAY BROKENLY! MY HEAD IS SPINNING! ALREADY I FEEL MY VEINS THROBBING WITH HORRIBLE THIRST! SOBBING, I BREAK A BRANCH OFF AN ASH TREE...
CRACK!
I SHARPEN ITS POINT... I PLUNGE IT INTO MY HEART! BETTER THIS, THAN WAIT FOR A SLOW, LINGERING DEATH! EVERYTHING'S GETTING DARK NOW! MY EYELIDS FEEL SO HEAVY! BUT WHAT'S THAT I HEAR IN THE DISTANCE FROM THE FOREST'S EDGE, AS I LIE DYING? COULD IT BE THE WITCH'S HIGH CRACKLING LAUGH?
HA! HA! HA! HA!
THE END

ATLAS FOR THE BEST IN WEIRD STORIES LOOK FOR THE ATLAS SEAL ON THE COVER ATLAS

A THING OF EVIL

PROFESSOR John Fairchild wanted a definite answer to be given to him by that famous hunter and safari leader, Guy Wilson.

"Do you want to take me into the interior to look for the Dragon? You have kept me waiting a week and I do not like to stay here in Accra. If it is more money that you want, say so."

The tall lanky sunburned man to whom those words were addressed merely took the pipe from his mouth. His face was expressionless as he was searching for the right words with which to answer.

"The money you offer me is twice my usual fee for a safari. I hesitate for one reason. The natives believe exactly as you do that a dragon called Disinti, Doer of Death, exists in the interior. I do not believe it. How can I take you on a trip to find something I feel can't be found?"

The Professor was satisfied with the answer and he showed it by the mild smile over his face.

"Then I am hiring you just to take me into the interior, north of the Gold Coast. Whether I find what I look for is immaterial and you are to be paid before we leave."

For two weeks the native porters walked without showing any concern. But as they made camp for the evening near the Nsgara River there was an uneasiness that could be sensed.

"Why are the natives acting strangely?" asked Professor Fairchild, as he sat on a chair outside his tent.

Guy Wilson looked at the natives as they kept close to the camp fires and spoke only in undertones.

"They come from the M'gombi tribe and their lives are bound by legend to the Dragon. About six hundred years ago the M'gombi chieftain fought the Sagona tribe which once lived in this vicinity. He killed most of the male population and all of the children. The witchdoctor called up the Spirit of Evil, Bgoni, for assistance. He told them to wish into creation a Dragon. According to the legend, the survivors of that tribe wished by concentrated thought for a Dragon to help them. And so was born Disinti, Doer of Death. He crushed the natives to the ground and burned down their huts with his breath of flame and doom. Somewhere between here and the mountain range is that dragon."

Then Professor Fairchild asked the sixty-four dollar question. The one that had been bothering him ever since the expedition left Accra.

"Here I am, a man of science, investigating a legend about the existence of what can be said to be an imaginary animal. You are what can be called an ordinary man who has lived among these natives. Why do you refuse to accept its existence?"

Guy Wilson removed the pipe from his mouth and looked towards the mountain range.

"If a thing of evil is created by evil thoughts, then by good thoughts it can be destroyed. For life can only have sense provided that Good conquers Evil."

He had hardly finished speaking when N'krumah, his gunbearer, rushed up to him and pointed to the sky. There was a dart-like flame which seemed to come up from the earth.

"Disinti knows we are here," he wailed, "and He wishes to kill us. Oh, great Safari leader, we have always followed you. But do not take us across the stream to our doom."

Guy Wilson summoned the natives from the fire. They seated themselves around in a semi-circle and listened attentively as he spoke.

"According to the law of your tribe a promise can be made which binds you and if it is broken the penalty is death. Listen all of you to my promise. If there is a dragon out there, then I shall destroy him. If he exists and I fail to kill him, then my life is forfeit. I shall go without food or weapons into the great jungle. This is my promise and I swear it here before all of you."

The natives were satisfied and they all shouted in unison

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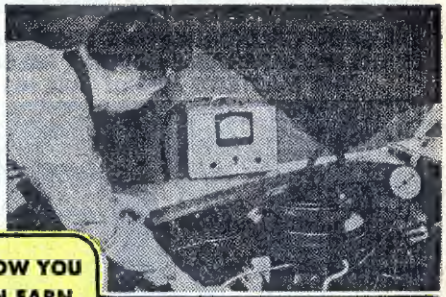

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WE GUESS JUST ABOUT EVERYONE IS INTERESTED IN MAGIC AND CLEVER TRICKS.. SO HERE'S A WEIRDIE THAT SHOULD HOLD **YOU** AT THE EDGE OF YOUR SEAT! NICK IS OUT FOR BIG STAKES... BUT ONE LITTLE SLIP, AND THAT'S ALL, BUD!

BURIED ALIVE!

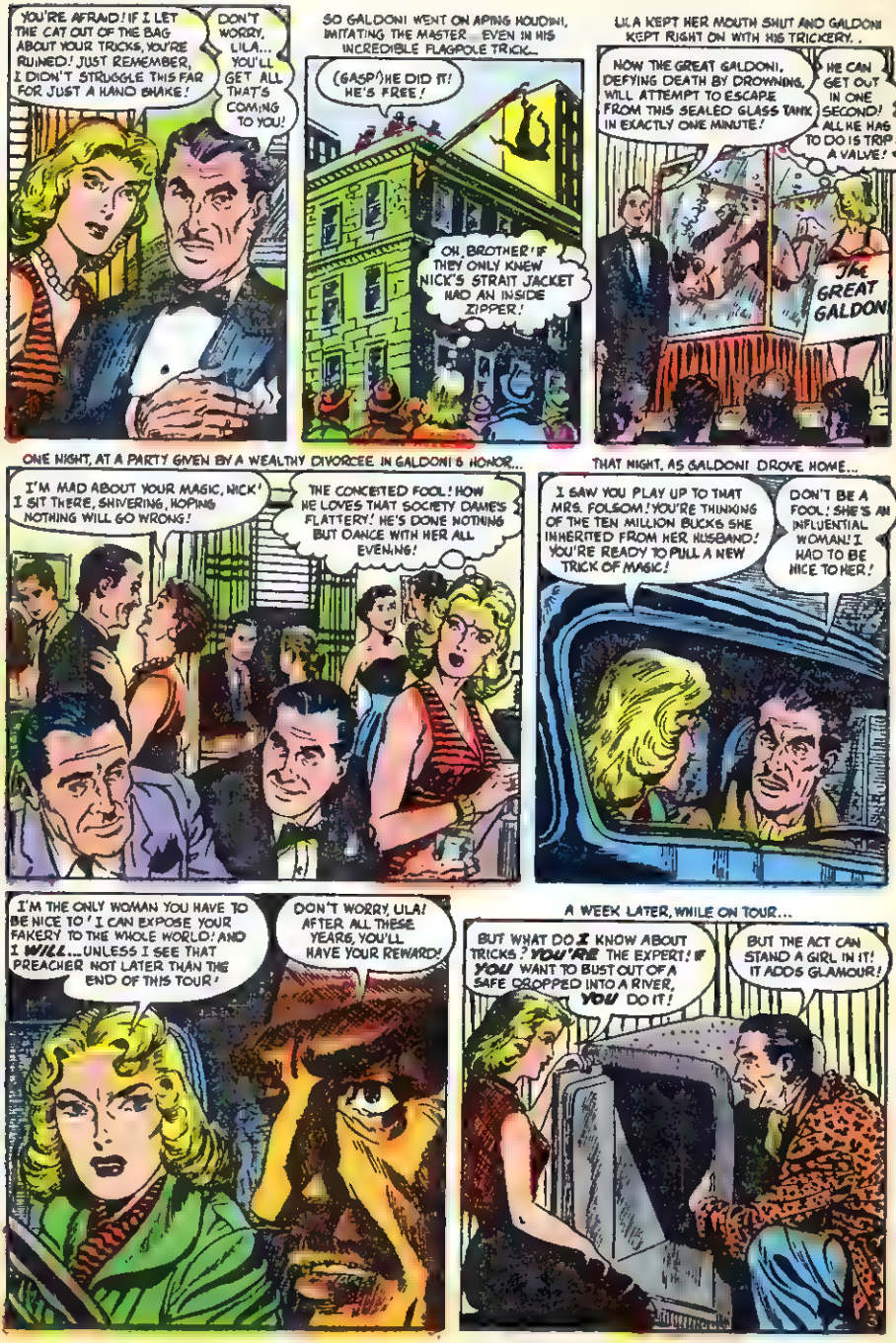
THE GREAT GALDONI WAS THE TRICKSTER SUPREME! ASPIRING TO THE LAURELS OF THE INCOMPARABLE HOUDINI, GALDONI HAD ALL THE AMBITION, BUT NONE OF THE MASTER'S MAGIC! TAKE HIS ESCAPE FROM A BURIED COFFIN...

NICK JENNER, ALIAS THE GREAT GALDONI, BEGAN TO SHOW HIS "GENIUS" IN THE VAUDEVILLE CIRCUIT! ASSISTED BY A BLONDE NAMED LILA, HE TOURED THE NICK THEATRES..

AS YOU SEE, THE GREAT GALDONI IS SECURELY STRAPPED INTO A STRAIT JACKET!
...FROM WHICH I SHALL ESCAPE, FOLKS, IN NOT MORE THAN THIRTY SECONDS, RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOUR EYES! WATCH ME CLOSELY!

28-29-30 SECONDS!
THERE! I AM FREE!
IF ANYONE DOUBTS THE MAGIC OF THIS TRICK, THE GREAT GALDONI OFFERS ANYBODY WHO CARES TO REPEAT IT, $500 IN CASH!

ANYTHING THAT HAD BEEN INVENTED TO RESTRAIN A MAN, GALDONI BROKE OUT OF! HANDCUFFS...
The GREAT GALDONI
STOCKS
CHINESE THUMB SCREWS...
SAFES..
JAILS, JAIL VANS, TORTURE DEVICES, MILK CANS... ANYTHING THAT CONSTITUTED A CHALLENGE TO A MAGICIAN'S ABILITY!
IF THE TOWN HE WAS APPEARING IN WAS A BEER TOWN, THE GREAT GALDONI WOULD ENTER A BARREL SPECIALLY BUILT BY A MASTER COOPER, THE TOP WOULD BE HAMMERED INTO PLACE.. A MINUTE LATER THE GREAT GALDONI WOULD EMERGE SMILING...
THOUSANDS APPLAUDED.. ALL EXCEPT ONE WOMAN...GALDONI'S ASSISTANT...
I WAS JUST WONDERING, NICK, WHAT KIND OF MAGIC DOES IT TAKE TO TIE YOU UP IN MARRIAGE KNOTS?
THE TIME'S NOT RIGHT, LILA!
I'VE SPENT THREE YEARS ON TOUR WITH YOU! I'VE FOLLOWED YOU AROUND LIKE A SLAVE! I KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT YOUR STUPID TRICKS TO MAKE YOU THE LAUGHING STOCK OF THE VALDEVILLE CIRCUIT!
THAT'S RIGHT, BABY.. YOU DO! SEE THAT IT DOESN'T GO FURTHER THAN YOUR OWN LITTLE HEAD!

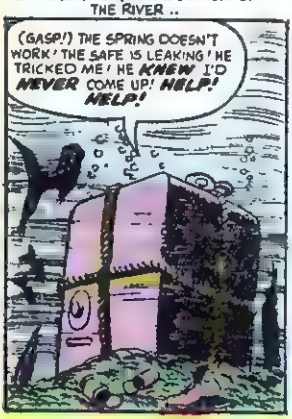

YOU'RE AFRAID! IF I LET THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG ABOUT YOUR TRICKS, YOU'RE RUINED! JUST REMEMBER, I DIDN'T STRUGGLE THIS FAR FOR JUST A HAND SHAKE!
DON'T WORRY, LILA... YOU'LL GET ALL THAT'S COMING TO YOU!
SO GALDONI WENT ON APING HOUDINI, IMITATING THE MASTER — EVEN IN HIS INCREDIBLE FLAGPOLE TRICK...
(GASP!) HE DID IT! HE'S FREE!
OH, BROTHER! IF THEY ONLY KNEW NICK'S STRAIT JACKET HAD AN INSIDE ZIPPER!
LILA KEPT HER MOUTH SHUT AND GALDONI KEPT RIGHT ON WITH HIS TRICKERY...
NOW THE GREAT GALDONI, DEFYING DEATH BY DROWNING, WILL ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE FROM THIS SEALED GLASS TANK IN EXACTLY ONE MINUTE!
HE CAN GET OUT IN ONE SECOND! ALL HE HAS TO DO IS TRIP A VALVE!
The GREAT GALDONI
ONE NIGHT, AT A PARTY GIVEN BY A WEALTHY DIVORCEE IN GALDONI'S HONOR...
I'M MAD ABOUT YOUR MAGIC, NICK! I SIT THERE, SHIVERING, HOPING NOTHING WILL GO WRONG!
THE CONCEITED FOOL! HOW HE LOVES THAT SOCIETY DAMES FLATTERY! HE'S DONE NOTHING BUT DANCE WITH HER ALL EVENING!
THAT NIGHT, AS GALDONI DROVE HOME...
I SAW YOU PLAY UP TO THAT MRS. FOLSOM! YOU'RE THINKING OF THE TEN MILLION BUCKS SHE INHERITED FROM HER HUSBAND! YOU'RE READY TO PULL A NEW TRICK OF MAGIC!
DON'T BE A FOOL! SHE'S AN INFLUENTIAL WOMAN! I HAD TO BE NICE TO HER!
I'M THE ONLY WOMAN YOU HAVE TO BE NICE TO! I CAN EXPOSE YOUR FAKERY TO THE WHOLE WORLD! AND I WILL... UNLESS I SEE THAT PREACHER NOT LATER THAN THE END OF THIS TOUR!
DON'T WORRY, LILA! AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, YOU'LL HAVE YOUR REWARD!
A WEEK LATER, WHILE ON TOUR...
BUT WHAT DO I KNOW ABOUT TRICKS? YOU'RE THE EXPERT! IF YOU WANT TO BUST OUT OF A SAFE DROPPED INTO A RIVER, YOU DO IT!
BUT THE ACT CAN STAND A GIRL IN IT! IT ADDS GLAMOUR!

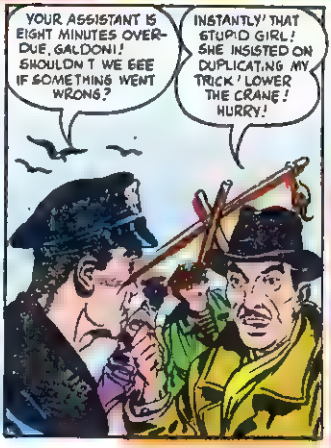
YOU JUST TOUCH THIS HIDDEN SPRING AND THE DOOR FLIES OPEN! THEN YOU SURFACE!
WELL, SINCE YOU SENT OUT THE PUBLICITY ALREADY, OKAY! BUT DON'T RING ME IN ON YOUR STUNTS AGAIN!

A FEW DAYS LATER, AT THE RIVER'S EDGE...

I'M SO EXCITED ABOUT OUR COMING MARRIAGE, NICK! WHEN CAN I ANNOUNCE OUR ENGAGEMENT?
ANY TIME, MY SWEET! THAT BUSINESS ENTANGLEMENT I SPOKE ABOUT IS ALL TAKEN CARE OF NOW!

SHORTLY AFTER, AT THE BOTTOM OF THE RIVER..



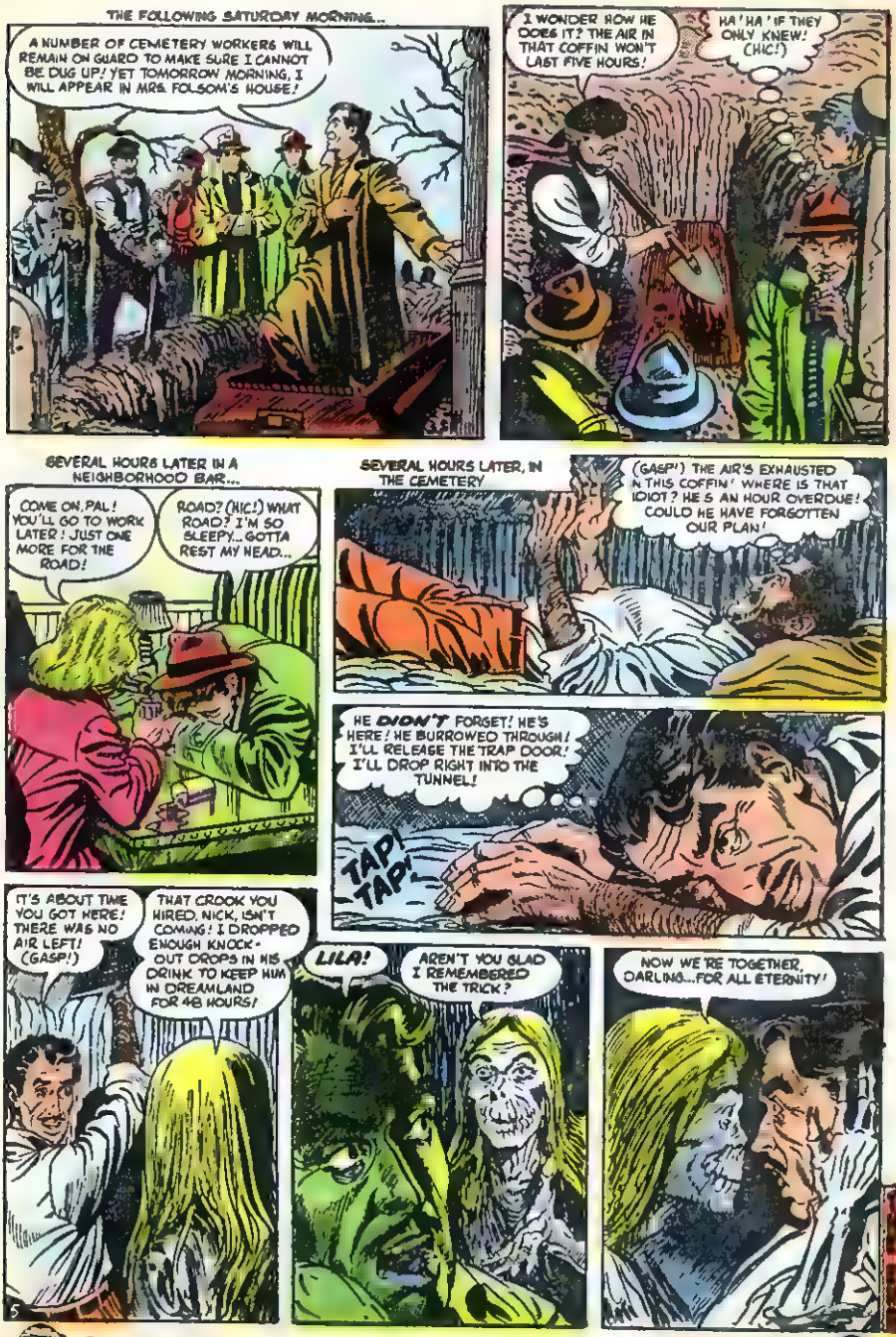

YOUR ASSISTANT IS EIGHT MINUTES OVERDUE, GALDONI! SHOULDN'T WE SEE IF SOMETHING WENT WRONG?
INSTANTLY! THAT STUPID GIRL! SHE INSISTED ON DUPLICATING MY TRICK! LOWER THE CRANE! HURRY!

AND SO POOR LILA WAS BURIED! A WEEK LATER, IN MRS. FOLSOM'S HOME...

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR COMING MARRIAGE, GALDONI! YOU SAY YOU'RE A SECOND HOUDINI! HOW COME YOU'VE NEVER IMITATED HIS FAMOUS "BURIED ALIVE" TRICK?
AS A TRIBUTE TO MY FUTURE BRIDE, I WILL DEDICATE THE COFFIN TRICK TO HER NEXT SATURDAY!

A FEW DAYS LATER, IN GALDONI'S APARTMENT, AS HE HIRED A NEW ASSISTANT..

REMEMBER, THE GRAVE SELECTED IS OVER A TUNNEL! YOU CAN BURROW THROUGH IT TO MY GRAVE IN FOUR HOURS! TAP ON THE COFFIN! I'LL RELEASE THE TRAP DOOR AND ESCAPE VIA THE TUNNEL!
DON'T WORRY, MR. GALDONI! I'LL BE THERE!


THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY MORNING...
A NUMBER OF CEMETERY WORKERS WILL REMAIN ON GUARD TO MAKE SURE I CANNOT BE DUG UP! YET TOMORROW MORNING, I WILL APPEAR IN MRS. FOLSOM'S HOUSE!
I WONDER HOW HE DOES IT? THE AIR IN THAT COFFIN WON'T LAST FIVE HOURS!
HA 'HA 'IF THEY ONLY KNEW! CHIC!)
SEVERAL HOURS LATER IN A NEIGHBORHOOD BAR...
COME ON, PAL! YOU'LL GO TO WORK LATER! JUST ONE MORE FOR THE ROAD!
ROAD? (HIC!) WHAT ROAD? I'M SO SLEEPY... GOTTA REST MY HEAD...
SEVERAL HOURS LATER, IN THE CEMETERY
(GASP!) THE AIR'S EXHAUSTED IN THIS COFFIN! WHERE IS THAT IDIOT? HE'S AN HOUR OVERDUE! COULD HE HAVE FORGOTTEN OUR PLAN!
HE DION'T FORGET! HE'S HERE! HE BURROWED THROUGH! I'LL RELEASE THE TRAP DOOR! I'LL DROP RIGHT INTO THE TUNNEL!
TAP! TAP!
IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU GOT HERE! THERE WAS NO AIR LEFT! (GASP!)
THAT CROOK YOU HIRED, NICK, ISN'T COMING! I DROPPED ENOUGH KNOCK-OUT DROPS IN HIS DRINK TO KEEP HIM IN DREAMLAND FOR 48 HOURS!
LILA!
AREN'T YOU GLAD I REMEMBERED THE TRICK?
NOW WE'RE TOGETHER, DARLING...FOR ALL ETERNITY!
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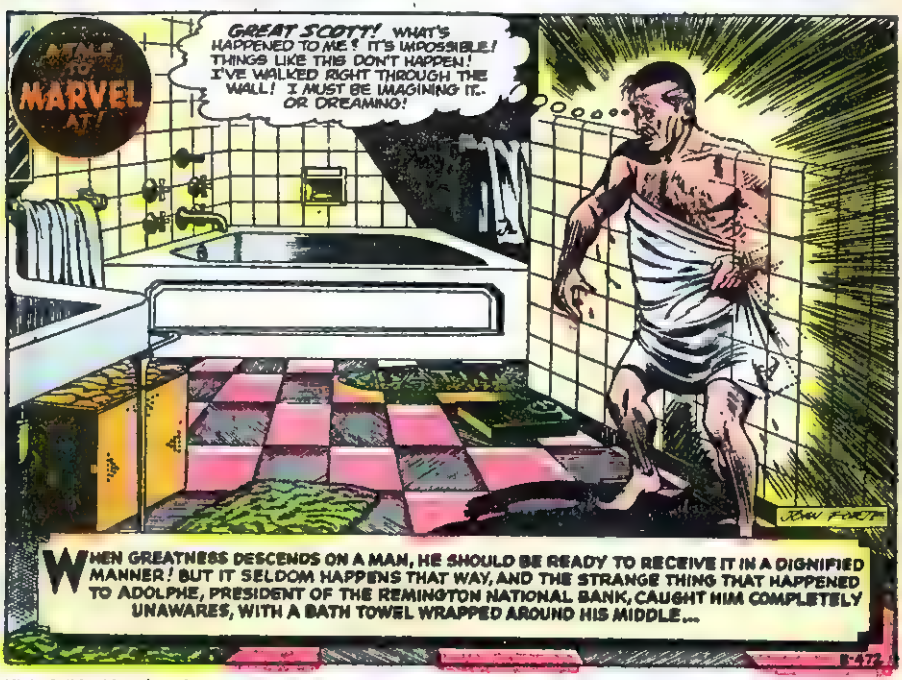
POOR NICK! HE'S PLAYED HIS **LAST** TRICK! SPEAKING OF TRICKS, HERE'S A CHARACTER WITH QUITE AN UNUSUAL TALENT! WHAT, WE WONDER, **WOULD YOU** DO, IF YOU SUDDENLY FOUND YOURSELF WITH ADOLPHE'S SKILL? WHAT'S **HIS** SPECIAL TALENT? WHY IT'S JUST THAT...

HE WALKS *through* WALLS


MARVEL AT!
GREAT SCOTT! WHAT'S HAPPENED TO ME? IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! THINGS LIKE THIS DON'T HAPPEN! I'VE WALKED RIGHT THROUGH THE WALL! I MUST BE IMAGINING IT.. OR DREAMING!
JOHN FORTE

WHEN GREATNESS DESCENDS ON A MAN, HE SHOULD BE READY TO RECEIVE IT IN A DIGNIFIED MANNER! BUT IT SELDOM HAPPENS THAT WAY, AND THE STRANGE THING THAT HAPPENED TO ADOLPHE, PRESIDENT OF THE REMINGTON NATIONAL BANK, CAUGHT HIM COMPLETELY UNAWARES, WITH A BATH TOWEL WRAPPED AROUND HIS MIDDLE...

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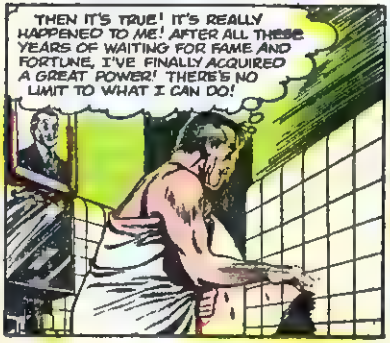
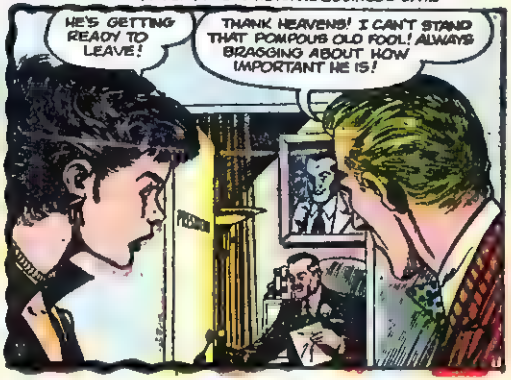
YOU ADMIT THAT IT'S A RATHER STARTLING THING TO DISCOVER YOU SUDDENLY HAVE A POWER THAT NO OTHER HUMAN BEING POSSESSES! BUT AFTER SEVERAL TESTS, ADOLPHE REALIZED HE WAS NEITHER INSANE NOR DREAMING..


THEN IT'S TRUE! IT'S REALLY HAPPENED TO ME! AFTER ALL THESE YEARS OF WAITING FOR FAME AND FORTUNE, I'VE FINALLY ACQUIRED A GREAT POWER! THERE'S NO LIMIT TO WHAT I CAN DO!

BUT ALL THIS, OF COURSE, IS GETTING AHEAD OF THE STORY, WHICH REALLY STARTS AT THE BANK WHERE ADOLPHE WAS GETTING READY TO LEAVE AFTER A VERY NORMAL BUSINESS DAY..



YES, ADOLPHE THOUGHT HE WAS IMPORTANT. BUT NEVER BEFORE HAD HE EVEN SUSPECTED THAT OTHER PEOPLE DIDN'T AGREE! IT WAS AN ACCIDENT THAT THE INTERCOM KEY HAD BEEN LEFT OPEN, AND ADOLPHE HEARD...

YEAH, THE OLD MAN THINKS HE'S A BIG SHOT! IF HE ONLY KNEW WHAT PEOPLE THINK OF HIM!

EVERYBODY CRACKS JOKES ABOUT THOSE PHOTOS OF HIMSELF ALL OVER THE WALL! AND THOSE STATUETTES..

IT WAS ON HIS MIND ALL THE WAY HOME, AND THAT NIGHT AT DINNER, HE COMPLETELY IGNORED HIS FAMILY...

ADOLPHE, DID YOU HEAR ME? I SAID THE PATTERSONS WERE COMING OVER LATER!

EH? OH, SORRY, DEAR... I WAS THINKING!

HE WAS THINKING ABOUT IT ALL THE TIME IN THE SHOWER. SO DEEP IN THOUGHT, THAT INSTEAD OF GRABBING THE ROBE FROM ITS HOOK, HE TOUCHED THE LIGHT SWITCH...

SO THAT'S WHAT PEOPLE THINK OF ME! IT'S TRUE... I'M NOT GREAT AND I NEVER WILL BE, UNLESS I CAN GET ENOUGH MONEY TO MAKE MYSELF KNOWN!

AND THAT'S WHEN IT HAPPENED! HIS HANDS WERE WET, AND HE WAS STANDING IN A PUDDLE OF WATER! HE HEARD A CRACKLE, AND THEN...

THE SHOCK WAS OVERWHELMING! IT CHARGED THROUGH EVERY CELL IN HIS BODY! IT DIDN'T KILL HIM, BUT IT DID SOMETHING ELSE...

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME? I FEEL LIKE I'M GOING RIGHT THROUGH THE WALL!

WHY, ADOLPHE... WHERE DID YOU COME FROM? I DIDN'T SEE YOU COME IN! AND WITHOUT ANY CLOTHES ON!

GOOD HEAVENS!

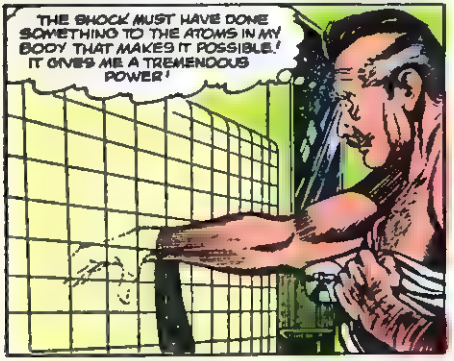
ER... EXCUSE ME... I'M VERY SORRY... (AHEM!)... I DIDN'T REALIZE...

AND THE DIGNIFIED BANK PRESIDENT TURNED AND FLED FROM THE ROOM AS FAST AS HE COULD, WITH THE BATH TOWEL FLAPPING AROUND HIS LEGS...

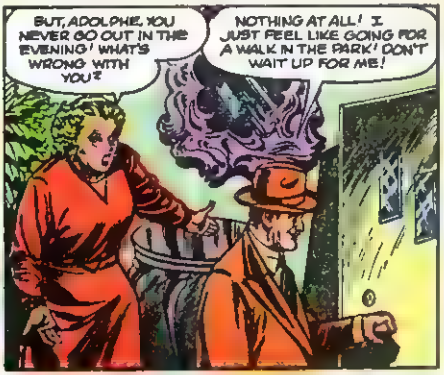
POOR ADOLPHE... I THINK HIS MIND HAS REACHED THE BREAKING POINT!

HE CERTAINLY HAS BEEN ACTING QUEERLY ALL EVENING!

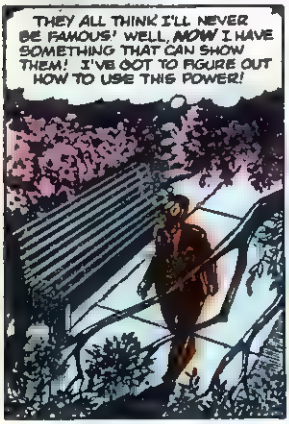
ADOLPHE WENT BACK THROUGH THE DOOR, BUT BY NOW HE WAS WELL AWARE THAT HE HAD NOT LOST HIS MIND, NOR WAS HE DREAMING! SOMETHING CAUSED BY THE ELECTRICAL SHOCK HAD GIVEN HIM THE POWER TO WALK THROUGH WALLS..



IT DIDN'T TAKE TAKE LONG FOR ADOLPHE TO GET DRESSED! HE HAD TO GET OUT OF THE HOUSE AND GO SOMEPLACE WHERE HE COULD BE ALONE TO THINK THIS OUT...

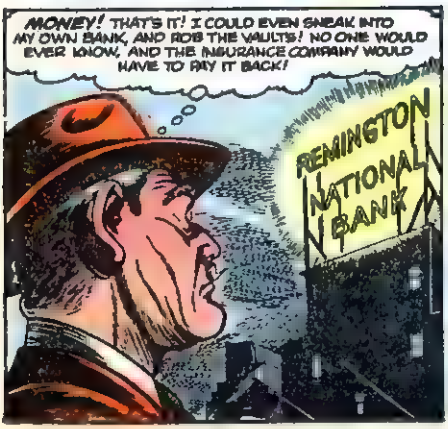

BUT, ADOLPHE, YOU NEVER GO OUT IN THE EVENING! WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?
NOTHING AT ALL! I JUST FEEL LIKE GOING FOR A WALK IN THE PARK! DON'T WAIT UP FOR ME!

THE QUIET OF THE PARK GAVE ADOLPHE A CHANCE TO THINK OVER THE EVENTS OF THE DAY, AND OF THE STRANGE THING THAT HAPPENED IN THE HOUSE..



I SHOULD BE ABLE TO USE THIS TO MAKE MYSELF RICH! I COULD GET ALL THE MONEY I NEED AND THEN START A CAMPAIGN TO GET MYSELF ELECTED TO A HIGH OFFICE!

I'LL SHOW THEM ALL! THEY'LL TALK DIFFERENTLY ABOUT ME! WHAT THE..? I WALKED RIGHT THROUGH THAT BOULDER! THIS ELECTRICAL ENERGY IN ME LETS ME WALK THROUGH ANYTHING!


MONEY! THAT'S IT! I COULD EVEN SNEAK INTO MY OWN BANK, AND ROB THE VAULTS! NO ONE WOULD EVER KNOW, AND THE INSURANCE COMPANY WOULD HAVE TO PAY IT BACK!
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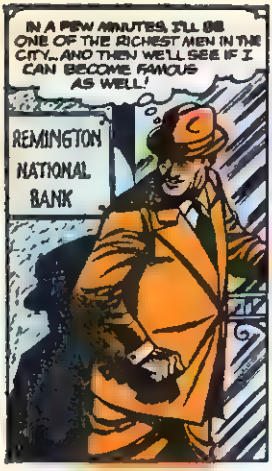
IN A FEW MINUTES, I'LL BE ONE OF THE RICHEST MEN IN THE CITY.. AND THEN WE'LL SEE IF I CAN BECOME FAMOUS AS WELL!
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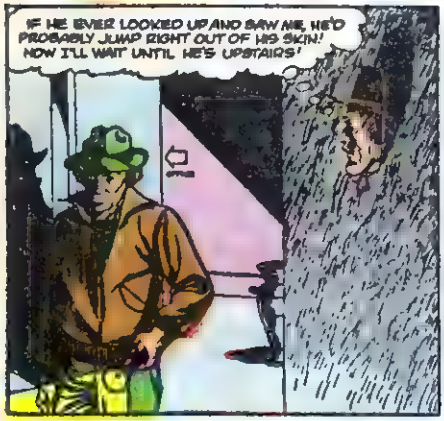
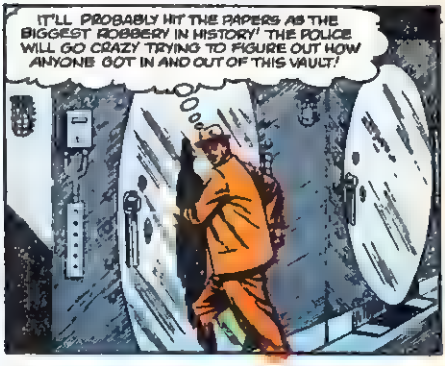
THE BANK WAS DARK AND DESERTED! IT WAS A SIMPLE THING TO WALK THROUGH THE LOCKED DOORS, RIGHT INTO HIS OWN OFFICE..

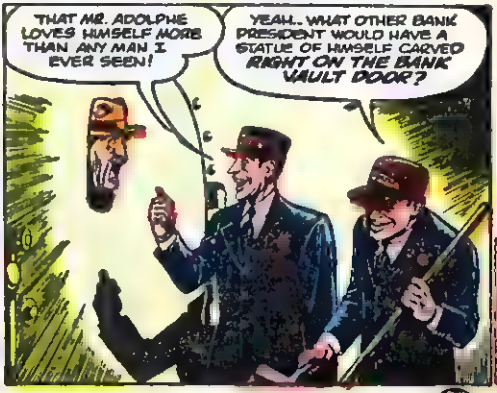


WHEN HE HEARD THE WATCHMAN UPSTAIRS, HE MADE HIS WAY DOWN THROUGH THE CONCRETE WALLS TO THE SEALED VAULT ROOM! HE SMILED WHEN HE SAW THE GIANT STEEL DOOR AND STARTED THROUGH IT..


IT'LL PROBABLY HIT THE PAPERS AS THE BIGGEST ROBBERY IN HISTORY! THE POLICE WILL GO CRAZY TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW ANYONE GOT IN AND OUT OF THIS VAULT!

BUT THEN SOMETHING HAPPENED! HE COULDN'T SCREAM! HE WAS ABLE TO MANAGE A HALF-TURN, BUT IT WAS *TOO LATE* TO GET OUT! THE ELECTRICAL CURRENT FROM HIS BODY WAS *ABSORBED* INTO THE *STEEL*, AND DRAINED COMPLETELY AWAY!

THAT WAS THE LAST THING THAT ADOLPHE SAID! AND IN A STRANGE WAY HE GOT THE THING THAT HE'D ALWAYS WANTED EVEN THOUGH IT *WASN'T* THE WAY HE PLANNED IT..


THAT MR. ADOLPHE LOVES HIMSELF MORE THAN ANY MAN I EVER SEEN!
YEAH.. WHAT OTHER BANK PRESIDENT WOULD HAVE A STATUE OF HIMSELF CARVED *RIGHT ON THE BANK VAULT DOOR?*

ATLAS FOR THE BEST IN WEIRD STORIES LOOK FOR THE ATLAS SEAL ON THE COVER ATLAS

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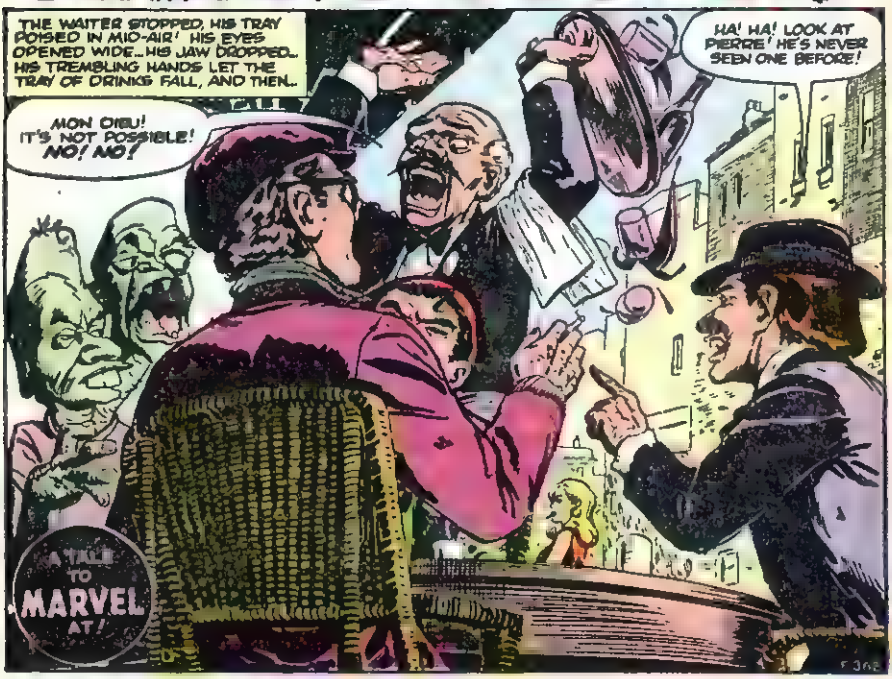
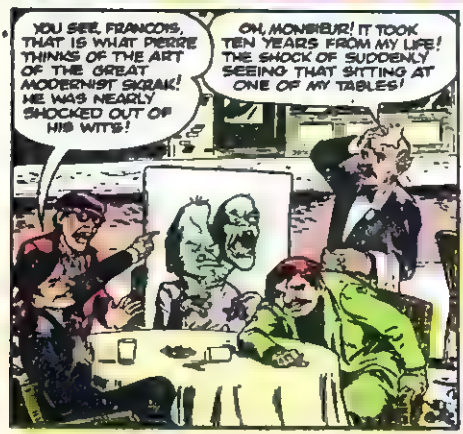
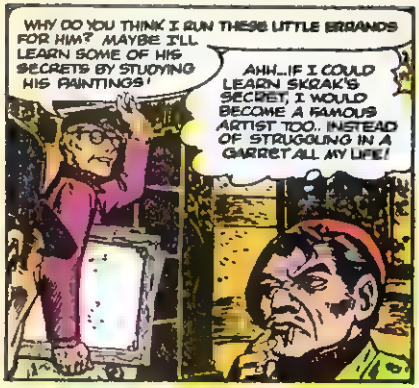
SKRAK'S SECRET!


THE WAITER STOPPED, HIS TRAY POISED IN MID-AIR! HIS EYES OPENED WIDE...HIS JAW DROPPED.. HIS TREMBLING HANDS LET THE TRAY OF DRINKS FALL, AND THEN..
HA! HA! LOOK AT PIERRE! HE'S NEVER SEEN ONE BEFORE!
MON DIEU! IT'S NOT POSSIBLE! NO! NO!
A TALE TO MARVEL AT!


YOU SEE, FRANCOIS, THAT IS WHAT PIERRE THINKS OF THE ART OF THE GREAT MODERNIST SKRAK! HE WAS NEARLY SHOCKED OUT OF HIS WITS!
OH, MONSIEUR! IT TOOK TEN YEARS FROM MY LIFE! THE SHOCK OF SUDDENLY SEEING THAT SITTING AT ONE OF MY TABLES!

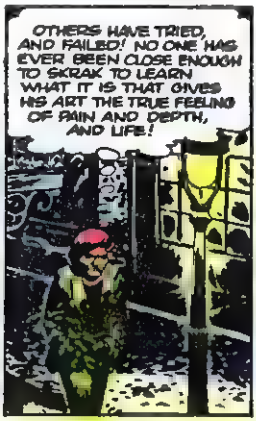
YOU, MY FRIEND, DON'T RECOGNIZE GREAT ART WHEN YOU SEE IT! I FEEL PRIVILEGED JUST TO BE ABLE TO SAY THAT I *DELIVERED* THESE MASTERPIECES FOR THE GREAT MASTER SKRAK!
WELL, AT LEAST SKRAK HAS MADE A FORTUNE, AND AN INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION FOR HIMSELF! WE ALL COULD, *IF WE KNEW HIS SECRET!*


WHY DO YOU THINK I RUN THESE LITTLE ERRANDS FOR HIM? MAYBE I'LL LEARN SOME OF HIS SECRETS BY STUDYING HIS PAINTINGS!
AHH...IF I COULD LEARN SKRAK'S SECRET, I WOULD BECOME A FAMOUS ARTIST TOO.. INSTEAD OF STRUGGLING IN A GARRET ALL MY LIFE!

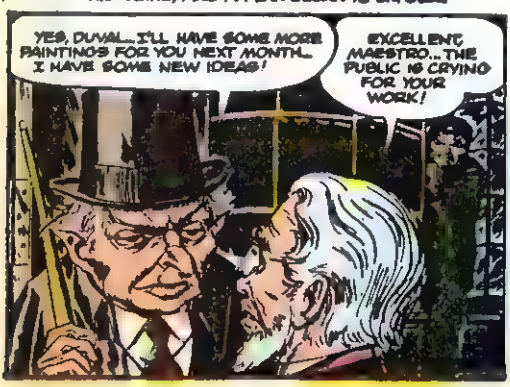
YOUNG ANDRE WAS AN ARTIST WITH BITTERNESS IN HIS HEART, AND A RESENTMENT TOWARD THE ENTIRE WORLD! HE HATED PEOPLE FOR NOT ACCLAIMING HIS ART, THE WAY THEY DID SKRAK'S! AND LATER THAT DAY, BACK AT HIS STUDIO, ANDRE WENT BERSERK...

ANDRE HAD REACHED THE BREAKING POINT! ONE BY ONE HE PICKED UP THE LABOR OF MANY MONTHS, AND IN A FEW MINUTES OF VIOLENT PASSION, HE DESTROYED THEM ALL...

HE COULD NO LONGER REMAIN UP IN HIS STUDIO, SURROUNDED BY THE REMNANTS OF HIS MANY FAILURES! HE HAD TO GET OUT INTO THE WARM SWEET AIR OF THE PARIS NIGHT...


OTHERS HAVE TRIED, AND FAILED! NO ONE HAS EVER BEEN CLOSE ENOUGH TO SKRAK TO LEARN WHAT IT IS THAT GIVES HIS ART THE TRUE FEELING OF PAIN AND DEPTH, AND LIFE!

FROM ACROSS THE STREET, HE WATCHED THE GREAT MASTER WALK OUT OF THE ART STORE! EXCITEMENT BUBBLED IN HIS VEINS, AND A PLAN BEGAN TO UNFOLD...


YES, DUVAL... I'LL HAVE SOME MORE PAINTINGS FOR YOU NEXT MONTH... I HAVE SOME NEW IDEAS!
EXCELLENT, MAESTRO... THE PUBLIC IS CRYING FOR YOUR WORK!

DOWN SIDE STREETS, ANDRE FOLLOWED THE MASTER PAINTER, UNTIL AT LAST THEY CAME TO THE GRAND MANSION WHERE HE LIVED!

NO ONE HAS EVER SEEN HIM WHILE HE IS PAINTING! IF I COULD SNEAK INTO HIS HOUSE, I'D BE THE FIRST!

I DON'T CARE IF HE TURNS ME OVER TO THE POLICE FOR BREAKING IN! AT LEAST THERE'S A CHANCE I MIGHT SEE SOMETHING!

MAYBE IF I HIDE BEHIND THAT PILE OF BOXES, I CAN ACTUALLY WATCH HIM WHILE HE PAINTS! THIS IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY!

SECONDS BLENDED INTO MINUTES, AND THEN INTO HOURS... BUT THEN, JUST AS ANDRE WAS ABOUT TO FALL ASLEEP, THERE WERE FOOTSTEPS ECHOING INTO THE CELLAR...

IT'S HIM... HE'S COMING IN TO PAINT!

AND NOW, LITTLE ONE... LET'S SEE HOW YOU LOOK TODAY!

AT LAST, I SHALL SEE A PAINTING IN THE WORK STAGE! IF I ONLY WERE A LITTLE CLOSER...

ANDRE'S THOUGHT WAS UNFINISHED! IN HIS DESIRE TO STRAIN CLOSER, HIS SHOULDER HAD PUSHED ONE OF THE BOXES, AND...

THE BOXES... THEY'RE GOING TO FALL!

THERE WAS NO WAY TO CATCH THE PILE OF BOXES KNOCKED OFF BALANCE!

WHAT...?

WHAT A FOOL I AM! JUST A FEW MINUTES MORE WAS ALL I NEEDED... AND I'D HAVE KNOWN!

CRASH!

WHO'S THAT? WHO'S THERE? I'VE GOT A GUN! COME OUT, YOU THIEF, OR I'LL SHOOT!
NO! PLEASE DON'T SHOOT ME! I'M NO THIEF...JUST A HUMBLE ARTIST!
AN ARTIST? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? WHO LET YOU INTO MY HOUSE?
I FOLLOWED YOU HOME AND LET MYSELF IN THROUGH THE CELLAR WINDOW!
HOW DARE YOU INVADE THE PRIVACY OF MY HOME? IT WOULD HAVE SERVED YOU RIGHT IF I'D SHOT FIRST AND ASKED QUESTIONS AFTERWARD!
PLEASE DON'T BE ANGRY WITH ME! YOU ARE A GREAT ARTIST AND ALL I WANTED WAS TO LEARN THE GREAT SECRET OF YOUR MODERN TECHNIQUE!
YES, THEY ALL WANT TO LEARN THAT...AND NOW THAT YOU'VE COME, THEY'LL ALL BE COPYING YOUR TRICK AND I'LL BE BOTHERED BY EVERYONE!
NO! NO! MONSIEUR! NO ONE SAW ME FOLLOW YOU! NO ONE KNOWS THAT I CAME HERE TONIGHT!
YOU SAY NO ONE SAW YOU? AND YOU'D GIVE ANYTHING TO LEARN THE SECRET OF MY ART?
YES! THERE IS SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR WORK THAT IS IMMORTAL! IF ONLY I KNEW HOW YOU GOT THAT QUALITY!
I'D GIVE ANYTHING TO LEARN HOW! BUT WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME IN THAT STRANGE WAY?
WELL, MY DEAR INQUISITIVE FRIEND, SINCE YOU WANT TO KNOW, I'LL TELL YOU...IT'S ALL REALLY VERY SIMPLE TO PAINT GROTESQUE MODERNISMS! YOU SEE...
I'M JUST AN ORDINARY PAINTER! I WORK DIRECTLY FROM LIVING MODELS! AND YOU WILL BE NEXT!
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THE END

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the one expression, "M'gombi carta Sintoni Wilson epari", which meant, "M'gombi men follow great Wilson to Death himself."

A march of three days brought the party to the start of the mountain range. Camp was pitched on a wide field and soon Professor Fairchild, Guy Wilson, and the gun bearer were out on the trail looking for the dragon. They had gone only about a mile when N'krumah pointed to large peculiar tracks on the ground.

"Disinti is around. He has left his tracks clearly so we will be aware he is here." Then the native bent down and placed his ear to the ground. He listened attentively and continued speaking.

"He is not far. If we hurry to the south we should see him. But we must be careful."

The three men walked with measured step until they came to a great clearing and then Professor Fairchild held up his hand as saw about half a mile distant from himself a tremendous creature. It was about one hundred fifty feet in length, forty feet in height, and its skin resembled that of a crocodile. From its two nostrils came blasts of fire and smoke.

"It exists. It is there in front of my own two eyes," shouted the Professor and he turned to the safari leader and added, "What have you to say now?"

Guy Wilson looked at his other two companions and then trained his eyes on the spot where the Dragon was moving and answered calmly.

"I see no dragon. I see absolutely nothing at all! It must be your imagination working overtime. In fact I am going right up to where it should be and smoke my pipe."

"You are a great and brave man," pleaded N'krumah, "and we shall all sing your praise. I will tell this to my companions when we return. But do not go there and tempt that Doer of Death to come and destroy all of us."

Guy Wilson shrugged his shoulders and the three returned to their camp. Soon N'krumah told of the bravery he had witnessed and there were words of praise about the

great man who feared not Disinti because for him it did not exist.

It was about sundown that flames became visible in the sky. They became larger and appeared to be coming closer. Suddenly there was a terrible shout as the dragon stalked within a few hundred feet of the natives.

"Run for your lives," shouted one of the natives. "We will be burned to ashes."

The Professor was about to take to his heels when he observed that Guy Wilson was standing with his rifle right in the path of the creature. N'krumah then shouted at the top of his lungs.

"He shall destroy the creature of evil. Has he not promised this to us with his life as forfeit should he fail? Run not away. Do as I do and face the monster."

Just as cowardice can be contageous so it may be with bravery. The wonderful actions of a man can instill in the souls of others the power to fight. So for the first time in the history of their tribe, the natives started to advance towards the creature.

Suddenly they saw it rise on its hind legs. Guy Wilson was about thirty yards from it. He dropped his rifle, took a hand grenade from his belt, pulled out the pin, counted, and then threw the weapon into the open mouth of the creature. A terrible explosion took place. Flames burst out all over the dragon, and before the eyes of the men, it was consumed by its own fire.

With wild joy the natives danced around the ash heap that once had been the Dragon.

Back in Accra, Professor Fairchild was bidding farewell to Guy Wilson.

"I still don't know whether or not you actually saw the creature you killed .Why didn't it exist for you if it did for all of us?"

"Truth is sometimes a hard thing to express," replied the killer of the Dragon, "but I was just as scared about it as any native. I talked myself into a state of self hypnosis so I didn't see it at all. But when those flames came close, I threw that hand grenade at something that did exist."

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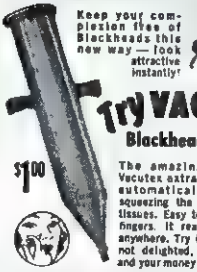

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GONE IS THE GARGOYLE

IT IS MIDNIGHT, MONSIEUR L'AGENT, AS YOU WALK YOUR PATROL ALONG THE STREETS OF THE ILE DE LA CITE IN THE OLDEST PART OF PARIS! YOUR EYES CLIMB UP THE NOTRE DAME FACADE AND COME TO REST ON THE PINNACLE OF ONE OF THE TOWERS! SUDDENLY THERE'S A TWISTING INSIDE YOUR STOMACH AS YOU SEE ONE OF THE HIDEOUS STONE GARGOYLES LEAVE ITS DECORATIVE PERCH AND SWOOP DOWN TOWARD THE STREET! YOUR BLOOD TURNS COLD WHILE YOU WATCH THE GROTESQUE BEAST SIGHT A CITIZEN AND PLUNGE DOWN AFTER HIM WITH TALONS BARED...

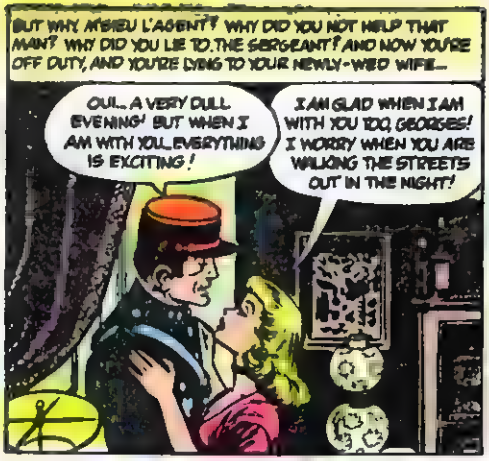
SACRE NOM! AU SECOURS! AU SECOURS!

TUNE IN TO MARVEL

M'SIEU L'AGENT! AU SECOURS! MON DIEU...AIDEZ MOI!

YOU HEAR THE VICTIM PLEAD FOR HELP...YOU SEE THE GARGOYLE TEARING AT HIS FLESH...BUT YOU STAND THERE AND DO NOTHING! YOU...AN AGENT OF THE POLICE! WHY, M'SIEU...WHY?

IT IS YOUR DUTY TO PROTECT THE CITIZENS, M'SIEU L'AGENT! YOU HAVE A GUN... USE IT! DON'T STAND THERE AS IF THE EYES IN YOUR HEAD WERE SIGHTLESS! HAVE YOU NO MERCY? NO COMPASSION?
EEEE EEEE!
YOU DO NOTHING! BUT YOUR EYES WATCH AS THE GARGOYLE DESTROYS THE CITIZEN! THEN THE BEAST SPREADS HIS WINGS LIKE A MAN, STRETCHING HIS ARMS AFTER A NAP...
YOU HIDE AS THE GARGOYLE TURNS TO SEE IF HE IS BEING OBSERVED...
THEN THE WINGED CREATURE LEAPS INTO THE NIGHT AND SOARS UPWARD...
YOUR EYES FOLLOW HIM TO THE TOP OF THE TOWER... TO HIS PERCH...
AND DEEP INSIDE OF YOU, THERE IS RELIEF AS YOU SEE HIM TRANSFORM INTO STONE AGAIN!
NOW YOU MOVE, M'SIEU L'AGENT... SLOWLY, AS IF YOU WERE COMING OUT OF A TRANCE... OR AS IF YOU WERE IN NO HURRY TO REACH YOUR STATION TELEPHONE...
NUMBER 1417, CHECKING IN, SERGEANT!
ALL QUIET... NOTHING TO REPORT! BON SOIR, SERGEANT!
YOU HANG UP... AND CONTINUE TO WALK YOUR PATROL... AS IF NOTHING HAD HAPPENED...


BUT WHY, M'SIEU L'AGENT? WHY DID YOU NOT HELP THAT MAN? WHY DID YOU LIE TO THE SERGEANT? AND NOW YOU'RE OFF DUTY, AND YOU'RE LYING TO YOUR NEWLY-WED WIFE...
OUI... A VERY DULL EVENING! BUT WHEN I AM WITH YOU...EVERYTHING IS EXCITING!
I AM GLAD WHEN I AM WITH YOU TOO, GEORGES! I WORRY WHEN YOU ARE WALKING THE STREETS OUT IN THE NIGHT!

YOUR FIRST WIFE WAS KILLED THAT WAY AND... OWWW!
SHUT UP! DON'T TALK ABOUT THE WAY SHE WAS KILLED! I WARNED YOU BEFORE TO FORGET ABOUT IT!
WAK!

ANOTHER NIGHT, M'SIEU L'AGENT, AND YOU ARE ON DUTY AGAIN! AND AS THE CLOCK CHIMES TWELVE YOUR EYES AGAIN LIFT UP TOWARD THE TOWER OF NOTRE DAME...

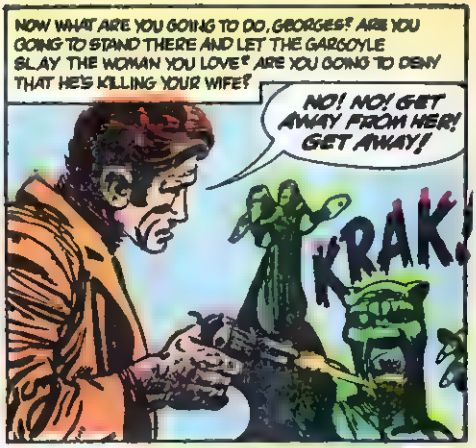
YOU WATCH AS THE FOG IS SCATTERED BY THE FLAPPING OF GIANT WINGS... AND OUT OF THE MISTY SHROUD COMES THE GARGOYLE...

ANOTHER VICTIM SCREAMS... AND CRIES FOR HELP! BUT YOU STAND THERE, M'SIEU L'AGENT, AND DO NOTHING BUT STARE!

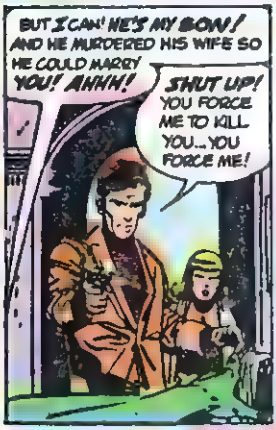
BUT THIS TIME, SOMEONE ELSE IS A WITNESS TO THE HORRIBLE SIGHT...
MON DIEU! M'SIEU L'AGENT... DO SOMETHING! A GARGOYLE IS ATTACKING A GIRL!
A GARGOYLE?

OUI! OUI! I KNOW IT IS UNBELIEVABLE, BUT IT IS TRUE! THERE...YOU CAN SEE IT!
AND I CAN ALSO SEE THAT YOU HAVE HAD TOO MUCH WINE, M'SIEU! YOU'RE UNDER ARREST FOR DRUNKENNESS AND FOR DISTURBING THE PEACE!

AT THE STATION, THE SERGEANT AGREES WITH YOU, GEORGES...
OUI... DRUNK... OR CRAZY! I'VE HEARD OF THEM SEEING PINK EIFFEL TOWERS FROM THE CHEAP WINE, BUT NEVER GARGOYLES!
BUT IT'S TRUE... I SAW IT... AND HE SAW IT! THE GARGOYLE CAME FROM THE TOWER OF NOTRE DAME!
EXCUSEZ-MOI, SERGEANT... BUT IT IS SO! I, TOO, SAW IT... JUST A FEW MINUTES AGO!
SACRE NOM! ANOTHER DRUNK!
I AM DR. BEAUDOUX AND I DO NOT DRINK! I DEMAND AN INVESTIGATION! AND WHY WASN'T A POLICEMAN THERE?
THERE WAS, DOCTOR! BUT HE DENIES SEEING A GARGOYLE! THERE WILL BE AN INVESTIGATION TOMORROW!
THE NEXT DAY YOU CLIMB THE SUMMIT OF THE TWO DARK TOWERS WITH THE INVESTIGATORS' YOU WINCE AS THEY PROD AND POKE AT THE DECORATIVE GARGOYLES...
HERE... NOW TRY THE CHISEL!
YOUR FACE CONTORTS WITH EVERY JAB THEY MAKE! YOU GRIT YOUR TEETH AND CLENCH YOUR FISTS AS IF BEARING GREAT PAIN! AND YOU'RE RELIEVED WHEN YOU HEAR THE OFFICIALS' VERDICT...
SOLID STONE! THESE GARGOYLES HAVEN'T MOVED SINCE THEY WERE PUT HERE CENTURIES AGO!
YOU CAN STOP LOOKING SO FRIGHTENED NOW, GEORGES! YOU WERE RIGHT... THOSE TWO MEN WERE DRUNK AND SEEING WINE-MADE GARGOYLES!
BUT YOU KNOW THAT ISN'T SO, DON'T YOU, GEORGES? AND YOU KNOW THAT THE GARGOYLE DID DESTROY THOSE PEOPLE! BUT THAT DOESN'T BOTHER YOU... AND IT DOES NOT STOP YOU FROM CELEBRATING ON YOUR NIGHT OFF...
OH, GEORGES, WE'VE BEEN MARRIED A WEEK, AND I AM SO HAPPY! AND YOU KNOW... THIS IS WHERE WE MET, IN FRONT OF NOTRE DAME!
YES, I KNOW! BUT LET US HURRY HOME... IT IS ALMOST MIDNIGHT!
IT IS MIDNIGHT, GEORGES! HEAR THE BELLS! AND YOU HEAR SOMETHING ELSE, DON'T YOU? AND YOUR WIFE HEARS IT TOO... AND SHE FOLLOWS YOUR EYES...
GEORGES! OH, GEORGES! LOOK!


NOW WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, GEORGES? ARE YOU GOING TO STAND THERE AND LET THE GARGOYLE SLAY THE WOMAN YOU LOVE? ARE YOU GOING TO DENY THAT HE'S KILLING YOUR WIFE?
NO! NO! GET AWAY FROM HER! GET AWAY!
KRAK!

THE GARGOYLE SHRIEKS AND DROPS TO THE PAVEMENT! YOU LOOK AT HIM WITH PITY... AND TENDERNESS! WHY, GEORGES?
WHY ARE THERE TEARS IN YOUR EYES FOR A GARGOYLE?
I...I CANNOT TELL YOU... I CAN'T!



THERE'S ONLY ONE ESCAPE NOW, GEORGES... AND ONLY ONE BULLET IN YOUR SERVICE REVOLVER! THE BARREL FEELS COOL AGAINST YOUR HOT TEMPLE, DOESN'T IT, GEORGES?
AU REVOIR, MA CHERIE!
CLICK

THE SHOT EXPLODES THROUGH THE STREETS OF THE ILE DE LA CITÉ AND ECHOES RUSH UP TO THE TOWERS OF NOTRE DAME WITH THE NEWS! THEN ALL IS STILL... ALL IS PEACEFUL, BECAUSE...

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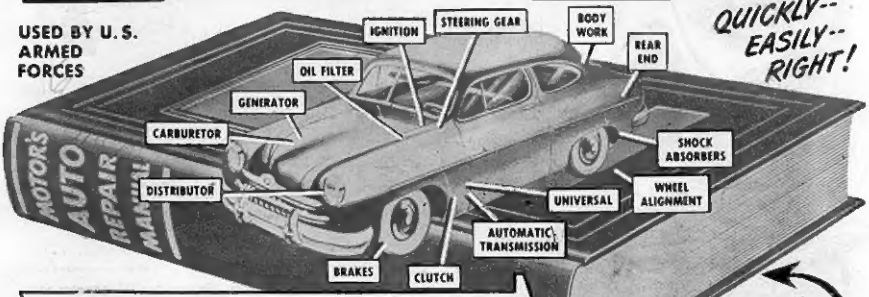

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